

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Mak, et al.** § Case: AMAT/8428/MASK/MASK-ETCH  
Serial No.: **10/754,321** § Filed: **January 9, 2004**  
Examiner: **Deo, Duy Vu Nguyen** § Group Art Unit: **1765**  
Confirmation No.: **7484** §  
Title: **INTEGRATED PHASE  
ANGLE AND OPTICAL CRITICAL  
DIMENSION MEASUREMENT  
METROLOGY FOR FEED  
FORWARD AND FEEDBACK  
PROCESS CONTROL** §§

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 21, 2006**

In response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2006 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 21, 2007, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for the reasons discussed below. Although the Applicants believe there is no fee due in connection with the present matter, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782 for any other fees, including additional extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.